

Lib. M. and declared, that from and after the first Day of September then next ensuing, there should be raised, levied collected and paid, to the said Lord Proprietary, the Sum of Two Shillings Sterling, for Every hogshead, or Quantity of a hogshead of Tobacco, which should be at any time thereafter shipped in any Ship or Vessel, to be exported out of this Province; on Condition, that his said Lordship should receive his Rents and Fines for Alienation of Lands, in good sound merchantable Tobacco, when tendered, at the Rate of Two Pence p pound, for One Moiety of the said Imposition; the Other Moiety by the said Act raised to be employed towards maintaining a constant Magazine, and defraying other publick and necessary Charges of the Government

And whereas former Assemblies, upon strict Enquiry made into the Premises, did find his said Lordship had not only been very deficient, and at small Charges and Expences in maintaining, as aforesaid; but that this Province hath been obliged to defray all Publick Charges arising, for the Support of Government, by way of an Equal Assesment upon the Inhabitants thereof; the several Provisoos in the afore recited Act, to the Contrary notwithstanding. And whereas also, his said Lordship the aforesaid Moiety of Two Shillings per Hogshead, under Pretext of maintaining a Magazine, as aforesaid, (until the Time of their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary taking this Province under their immediate Protection) did convert to his own Use, to the impoverishing of the Country, and Defraud of the Publick; and being incapacitated of complying with what, by the said Act for the said Moiety of Two Shillings per Hogshead, is required.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majestys Governor, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, that the said One Shilling per Hogshead, for the Defraying the Charges of Government aforesaid, as well for such Ships or Vessels as have already cleared, before the making of this Act, as for such remaining in this Province be raised, levied, collected and paid, unto Our Sovereign Lady the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Her Government, for the Time being, in and over this Her Majesty's Province aforesaid, and the Territories to the same belonging, for Every hogshead, and Quantity of an Hogshead of Tobacco, which hath been for and during the Time aforesaid, or which hereafter shall be at any Time shipped, in any Ship or Vessel, to be exported out of this Province, or any the Territories, Islands, Ports, Rivers, Creeks, or Places thereunto belonging, as aforesaid